Water Project for Bangalore aided by Japan

4718. SHRI TARLOCHAN SINGH: Will the Minister of URBAN DEVELOPMENT be pleased to state:

(a) the progress of the Rs. 3,500 crores water project aided by Japan for the city of Bangalore;

(b) whether the consultants have been appointed by the Bangalore Water Supply and Sewage Board; and

(c) whether his Ministry has ensured that there is proper transparency in the process of selection of the consultants for the international project?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF URBAN DEVELOPMENT (SHRI AJAY MAKEN): (a) to (c) Information is being collected and will be laid on the Table of House.

Slum dwellers in metropolitan cities

4719. SHRI SYED AZEEZ PASHA: Will the Minister of HOUSING AND URBAN POVERTY ALLEVIATION be pleased to state:

(a) what is the social composition of the slum dwellers in metropolitan cities; and

(b) what are the measures taken to rehabilitate them properly?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF HOUSING AND URBAN POVERTY ALLEVIATION (KUMARI SELJA): (a) The details are at Statement (*See* below).

(b) The Government has launched Jawaharlal Nehru National Urban Renewal Mission (JNNURM) with effect from December 3, 2005 to address the issues of provision of housing and civic amenities in slums in addition to city-wide infrastructure facilities. The Basic Services to the Urban Poor (BSUP) programme addresses housing and civic amenities in 63 Mission cities. Similar problems of non-Mission cities are addressed through the scheme of Integrated Housing and Slum Development Programme (IHSDP). The Mission period is 2005-2012.